

This I believe – Everyone has infinite potential

As you close your eyes, what awaits you is a sea of darkness. In that denseness, everything is possible. That is where you can search for your own infinite potential.

People often believe that when failure falls upon them, the lack of potential is the root of their downfall. This I beg to differ. It is not that they lack the potential, it is just that they believe they do not have. And I was like these dejected people way back then.

I was an introvert, one with low self esteem who thought that I did not have the potential to do well as compared to my other friends in elementary school. Though I was in the elite class, I always felt horribly inferior and had zero confidence. I kept demoralizing myself and believed that I was really the worst out of everyone.

However, what led me believe I have infinite potential was when I joined band in secondary school. Initially, when I was trying out for suitable instruments, I had hoped that I would play the clarinet. But it turned out otherwise. Instead I was chosen by a senior to play the trombone. At that point, I was feeling really dishearten with the instrument I had to play for four years. I did not think I would have the potential to play well at all.

Whenever days there were band, I felt restless and sometimes even had the urge to skip it without any reasons. I really wanted to escape from the harsh reality and give up on the instrument which I disliked.

However, what made me hold back was when one day, one senior came and spoke to me. She knew I was having a tough time and was struggling with my playing. It was she who untangled all my feelings of despair by telling me she believed that I had the potential, infinite potential to play. She said she believed I had infinite potential to play like a real trombonist. I was amazed by what she said. No one had ever recognized me for my potential to do well in anything at all. No one except her.

So from that day onwards, I vowed to become the best trombonist I can ever be. I practised extremely hard every day just to get to my goal however tough it was. As the years advanced, I could see myself improving gradually in band. I was immensely grateful of what she said to me that day. If not for those words, I would not have the courage to move on and become a trombonist who takes pride in her playing and who believes she has the greatest potential to play well.

Even though, I am still not the best I can be yet, I know one day I will become an outstanding trombonist as I strongly believe that I have the infinite potential wise beyond all others. If I could do it, so can everyone else.